

REMARKS

The amendments and following remarks are in response to the *Office Action* mailed February 11, 2009. Claims 1, 11 and 18 are amended herein and new claim 24 is added. Claims 2, 10, 16 and 20-21 are cancelled. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and that a Notice of Allowance be granted.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 16 and 20-21 include allowable subject matter. The Applicants thank the Examiner for this determination. Independent claims 1, 11 and 18 have been rewritten to include the elements of claims 2, 16 and 20, respectively. New claim 24 has been added to include the elements of claim 18 and claim 21. Independent claim 10 is cancelled herein. The Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9-13, 15, 17, 18, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,937,629 to Perry et al. ("Perry"). The Applicants have placed these claims in condition for allowance to expedite prosecution and submit that the rejection is now moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 5, 8, 14, 19, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious with respect to Perry. The Applicants have placed these claims in condition for allowance to expedite prosecution and submit that the rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing reasons, the Applicants submit that all currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance over the art cited by the Examiner. As such, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

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